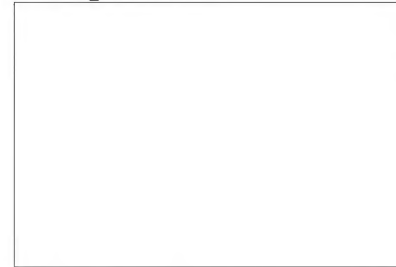




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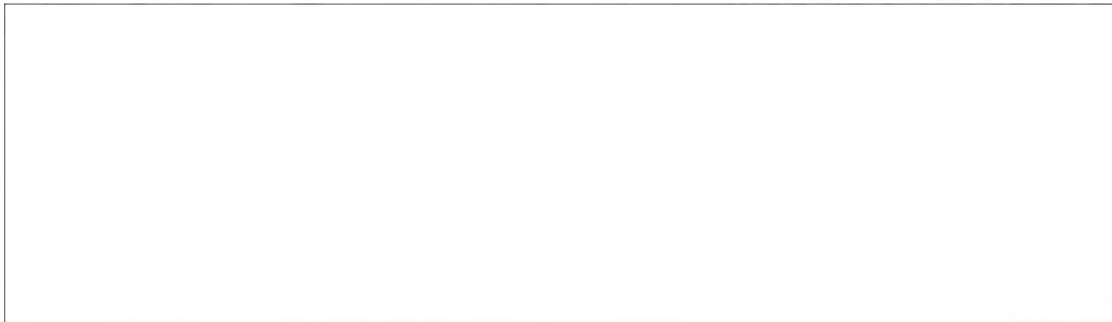


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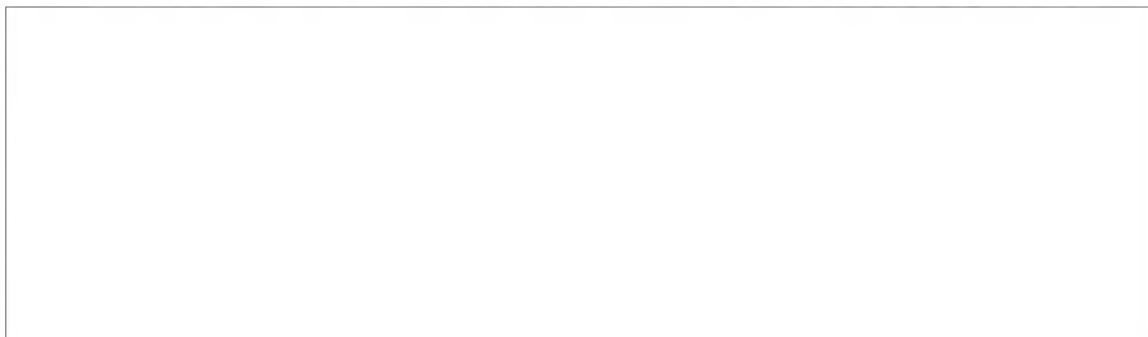
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② EL SALVADOR: Political Deadlock Broken

*The election yesterday by the constituent assembly of political independent Alvaro Magana as provisional president reasserts the primacy of the military, thwarts the aspirations of ultrarightist assembly leader D'Aubuisson, and increases the chances for a government of national unity.*

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Magana, a banker with close ties to the armed forces, received 36 of the 60 votes. In a last minute effort to block Magana's election, a candidate put up by D'Aubuisson's National Republican Alliance received 17 votes. D'Aubuisson was among seven deputies abstaining.

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The assembly also elected three vice presidents, one from each of the major parties. Despite opposition from the Christian Democrats, a line of succession was established, with the first vice-presidency going to the National Conciliation Party, which holds the balance of power. The second and third slots went to the National Republican Alliance and the Christian Democrats, respectively.

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Comment: D'Aubuisson, despite his abstention during the voting, almost certainly will use the time before the assembly's next scheduled meeting tomorrow to try to limit the still unclear powers of the provisional executive. The fact that virtually all of D'Aubuisson's deputies voted against Magana, even in the face of increasingly strong military pressure, suggests that his party may be prepared to test the armed forces even further.

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The military, nevertheless, will continue to call for a broad-based government it believes essential for continuing Western support. The military high command probably is relieved that some moderate rightists in the assembly, particularly in the National Conciliation Party, read correctly its signals, and it can be expected to increase the pressure on D'Aubuisson and his followers as necessary.

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The Christian Democrats' apparent strategy of playing for time in anticipation of a split between the major rightist parties appears to have paid off. Moreover, their unfaltering support of Magana undoubtedly has increased their credibility with the military, and could result in additional dividends.

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⑧ INDONESIA: Troubled Election Campaign

*The military-backed ruling party, GOLKAR, is assured victory in the parliamentary elections on Tuesday, but campaigning has been marked by outbursts of violence.* [redacted]

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The pro forma campaign has avoided issues. It has pitted GOLKAR against two opposition parties, which were formed by the government in 1973. Neither party has the personal leadership or funding to overcome GOLKAR's tremendous advantage. [redacted]

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The violence has annoyed the government, which had calculated that the campaign's circus-like atmosphere would allow voters to vent their frustrations peacefully. Rioting erupted in Jakarta on 18 March between followers of the Muslim opposition party and GOLKAR, resulting in several deaths. [redacted]

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Subsequently, major disturbances have broken out during campaign rallies in at least nine other cities. In some cases the deaths and injuries were caused by crowd panic, but in other instances security forces fired on demonstrators. [redacted]

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The government yesterday declared a five-day "cooling off" period in which no campaigning is allowed. At stake are 360 elected seats in a largely appointive legislature, which will meet in 1983 to elect a president. There currently is no opposition to President Soeharto's nomination for a fourth five-year term. [redacted]

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WEST GERMANY: Missile Purchase Postponed

Bonn is postponing making any decision on replacing its 72 Pershing I-a missiles with the more accurate Pershing I-b. Both variants have a range of approximately 740 kilometers, less than the present minimum range of missiles being discussed at the Geneva INF negotiations. The West Germans claim that budget problems and political opposition to INF now make it impossible to reach a decision by the NATO Defense Ministers' meeting next month.

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Comment: NATO is debating including the 72 West German Pershing I launchers in the Geneva negotiations in exchange for limitations or controls on Soviet missiles with similar capabilities. Bonn may make such inclusion a condition for its eventual agreement to modernize the system, if it believes that this would help NATO's INF negotiating position and its own public relations.

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